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CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PK, US, FR, MNUC, TECH
SUBJECT: REPROCESSING PLANT: FRENCH PROPOSAL

REF: ISLAMABAD 9907

1. "BALTIMORE SUN" CORRESPONDENT SKIP ISAACS TOLD DCM
OCTOBER 5 HE HAD BEEN INFORMED IN LAHORE THAT FRENCH
WERE ADJUSTING REPROCESSING CONTRACT SO THAT PLANT WOULD
NOT PRODUCE PURE PLUTONIUM WHICH COULD BE USED FOR NUCLEAR
EXPLOSION. ISAACS IDENTIFIED HIS INFORMANT AS FAROOQ
LEGHARI, MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES IN BHUTTO'S LAST CABINET.
ACCORDING TO ISAACS, LEGHARI'S REVELATION CAME IN THE
MIDST OF LENTHY EXPOSITION OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION TO
OVERTHROW BHUTTO AND WAS CITED AS EVIDENCE THAT U.S.
WANTED TO DENY THE MUSLIM WORLD NUCLEAR BOMBS. ISAACS
SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT LEGHARI VIEWED REPROCESSING PLANT,
NOT IN ECONOMIC TERMS, BUT AS THE MEANS TO A NUCLEAR
EXPLOSION.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW WITH CERTAINTY HOW LEGHARI
BECAME AWARE OF FRENCH PROPOSAL, IT IS ENTIRELY
POSSIBLE PRO-BHUTTO OFFICIALS IN GOVERNMENT ARE KEEPING
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PPP INFORMED. IN THIS CASE PRESUMABLY ONLY A FEW
HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL'S ARE AWARE OF SHAHI'S DISCUSSIONS
WITH GOF.

3. DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO PARIS.
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